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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/8/07.
- 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-13,15-21 and 26-28.
- 3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 - 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- 4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 - 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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- 6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendments

Applicant's amendments filed on 3/8/2007 has been carefully considered. As a result of canceling claims 4-5, 14 and 22-25 and amending claims 1, 11, and 16, rejections made in the office action dated 2/8/07 have been overcome.

Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 6-13, 15-21 and 26-28 are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to teach or suggest claimed apparatus comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitations of "the translation circuit is to provide a loop gain of less than about one" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitation cited in the claim and dependent claims 2-3 and 6-7.

Claim 8 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to teach or suggest claimed apparatus comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitations of "the second input signal includes an adjustable phase to be adjusted in response to an indication of an

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amplitude of an output signal to reduce a phase distortion" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitation cited in the claim and dependent claims 9-10.

Claim 11 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to teach or suggest claimed system comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitations of "the adjustable phase is capable of being adjusted while leaving a signal amplitude associated with the amplifier substantially unchanged" translation circuit is to provide a loop gain of less than about one" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitation cited in the claim and dependent claims 12-13 and 15.

Claim 16 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to teach or suggest claimed method comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitations of "a tuning element selected from a capacitor and an inductor is used to received the control signal to adjust the adjustable phase" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitation cited in the claim and dependent claims 17-21.

Claim 26 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to teach or suggest claimed apparatus comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitations of "a translinear circuit to be coupled to the second input signal and to the indication and to adjust the adjustable phase and third stage including a third amplifier" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitation cited in the claim and dependent claims 27-28.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Cited References

The prior art made of record and not replied upon is considered pertinent to application's disclosures. The cited references relate to instant application subject matter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAM T. MAI whose telephone number is (571)272-1807. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Barnie Rexford can be reached on (571) 272-7492. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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